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REQUIREMENT and **ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Sir:

For:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 13, 2006,

Applicants respectfully elect to initially prosecute claims 1-30 of Group I, without traverse.

Applicants further elect Species a(ii) (Figs. 4A-4C) and designate claims 1-15 and 23-30 as

reading on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted.

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